

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A recycling center comprising:
2 a transportable container; and
3 a partition within the container to separate a work
4 area from a storage area.
- 1 2. The recycling center of claim 1 further
2 comprising a compactor.
- 1 3. The recycling center of claim 1 further
2 comprising a power supply.
- 1 4. The recycling center of claim 3 wherein the power
2 supply is a rechargeable battery.
- 1 5. The recycling center of claim 1 further
2 comprising at least one holding bin in the storage area.
- 1 6. The recycling center of claim 5 wherein the at
2 least one holding bin is accessible from the exterior of
3 the container through a portal.

1 7. The recycling center of claim 1 further
2 comprising a reverse vending machine.

1 8. The recycling center of claim 1 wherein the
2 partition has a door connecting the work area and the
3 storage area.

1 9. A method for collecting recyclable materials
2 comprising the steps of:

3 placing a transportable recycling center at a
4 location;

5 receiving recyclable materials;

6 sorting the recyclable materials;

7 storing the recyclable materials in the transportable
8 recycling center; and

9 removing the transportable recycling center from the
10 location.

1 10. The method recited in claim 9 further comprising
2 the step of compacting the recyclable materials.

1 11. The method recited in claim 10 wherein compacting
2 is accomplished by a battery-powered compactor.

1 12. The method recited in claim 9 further comprising
2 the step of sorting the recyclable materials into at least
3 one holding bin in a storage area.

1 13. The method recited in claim 12 further comprising
2 the step of placing the recyclable materials into the at
3 least one holding bin from the exterior of the container
4 through a portal.

1 14. The method recited in claim 9 wherein the
2 transportable recycling center comprises:

3 a container; and

4 a partition within the container to separate a work
5 area from a storage area.

1 15. A recycling collection system comprising:
2 a collection location;
3 a transportable recycling container located at the
4 collection location; and
5 a partition within the transportable recycling
6 container, the partition defining a work area and a storage
7 area.

1 16. The system of claim 15 further comprising a
2 compactor within the work area.

1 17. The system of claim 16 wherein the compactor is
2 battery-powered.

1 18. The system of claim 15 wherein the transportable
2 recycling container has a front door to access the work
3 area and to load the storage area and a rear door to unload
4 the storage area.

1 19. The system of claim 15 wherein the storage area
2 has at least one holding bin.

1 20. The system of claim 19 wherein the holding bin is
2 accessible from the exterior of the container through a
3 portal.

1 21. A recycling center comprising:

2 a transportable container;

3 a partition within the container to separate a work

4 area from a storage area;

5 one or more holding bins located in the storage area;

6 one or more portals in the exterior of the container

7 to access the one or more holding bins;

8 a battery-powered compactor accessible from the work

9 area; and

10 a portable, rechargeable battery to power the

11 compactor.